GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7002
ANSWERED ON:13.05.2002
MAHANADI COALFIELDS LIMITED
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of labourers engaged in Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited (MCL), Ib Valley and Talcher by various companies;

(b) whether these contract labourers are getting minimum statutory benefits such as Provident Fund, ESI etc.;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure minimum statutory benefits to the labourers engaged in various coal fields;

(e) the amount given by MCL for Local Areas Development Fund (LADF) to Sambalpur, Deogarh, Angul and Dhenkenal Districts of Orissa during the last three years;

(f) whether MCL follows certain coalfield rule for distribution of amount under LADF;

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor,

(h) the amount spent by MCL on advertisement, press and publicity during the last three years, year-wise;

(i) the details of the rules followed by the MCL in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR APRASAD)

(a): The details of daily average deployment of labourers engaged in Mahanadi Coalfields Limited by various contractors are given as under:-

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Ib Valley field.
3332
Talcher field- including MCL Head Quarters.
3422
MCL (total)                                  6754
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(b): Eligible employees of contractors are covered by the Coal Mines Provident Fund Act. Employees State Insurance Act is not applicable in these cases.

(c): Does not arise in view of reply given to part (b) above.

(d): Periodic inspections are being done by Government departments for ensuring compliance of statutory provisions.

(e): Mines and headquarter of Mahanadi Coalfield Limited (MCL) are presently located in 4 (Four) districts of Orissa State namely Angul, Jharsuguda, Sundargarh and Sambalpur.

Total amount spent by MCL for Community Development in the above mentioned districts of Orissa during the last three years is given below :-

YEAR	JHARSUGUDA	SUNDERGARH	ANGUL	SAMBALPUR	TOTAL
1999-00	12.94	76,66	164.26	36.06	289.92
2000-01	114.27	51.54	154.11	49.66	369.58
2001-02	88.06	27..59	104.79	40.18	260.59

Peripheral development works in Deogarh and Dhenkanal districts of Orissa are not taken up as these are not within a radius of 8 (eight) kilometers from the coal mines.

(f) & (g): On the basis of orders of the Government of Orissa,the allocation of funds for local area development work is now being done by committees consisting of the Revenue Divisional Commissioner (as chairman), local MPs and MLAs of the concernedarea, District Collectorand CMD MCL.The works mainly relate t o water supply, arrangements like installation of hand pumps, construction/improvement of roads, construction of school buildings, construction of community hall etc. Peripheral development works are normally done within a radius of 8 kms from the coalfields (Hq) unit.

(h): Total money spent by Mahanadi Coal Fields Ltd. (MCL)on advertisement, Press and publicity during the last three years, year-wise are given as under:

YEAR	EXPENDITURE ON ADVERTISEMENT	EXPENDITURE ON PRESS & PUBLICITY
1999-00	244.94	39.54
2000-01	192.22	48.55
2001-02	221.41	26.53

(i): Depending on amount involved in work to be awarded publicity is given in newspapers as follows:

Value of work	Type of Newspaper
Rs. 5.00 to Rs. 50.00 Lakhs	One Local, One Regional and One Hindi
Rs. 50.00 to Rs. 1 Crore	One Local, One Regional, One Hindi and One National Newspaper from any Metropolitan City
Rs. 1 Crore and above	One Local, One Regional, One Hindi and One National Newspaper from New Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai and Chennai and weekly magzine.

For Global Tender, in addition to above newspapers advertisement is given in Indian Trade Journal also.